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Letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement concerning the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea issued on 21 November 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea issued on 21 November 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union warmly welcomes the implementation of the decision of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1312 (2000) of 31 July and 1320 (2000) of 15 September 2000 to establish the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE).

The European Union considers that the decision of a number of Member States to participate in UNMEE is an expression of the wish frequently expressed by the European Union, notably in its common position of 29 June 2000, to facilitate any progress that can be made towards a peace settlement between Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The European Union calls on both Ethiopia and Eritrea to ensure the safety of all United Nations personnel and to cooperate fully with the United Nations Mission.

The European Union urges both parties to continue and to intensify the peace process under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity, supported by the European Union and the United States of America, in order to reach a comprehensive and sustainable peace settlement as soon as possible.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.